

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nomination of Joe M. Allbaugh to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1439–S1542*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 340–387, S. Res. 25–27, and S. Con. Res. 15–16.

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#### Measures Passed:

*Honoring Senator Coverdell:* Senate passed S. 360, to honor Paul D. Coverdell. **Pages S1450–53**

*John Joseph Moakley U.S. Courthouse:* Senate passed H.R. 559, to designate the United States courthouse located at 1 Courthouse Way in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse”. **Pages S1453–55**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 91 yeas (Vote No. EX. 13), Joe M. Allbaugh, of Texas, to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**Pages S1448–49, S1542**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Paul D. Wolfowitz, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Sean O’Keefe, of New York, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

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**Executive Communications:** **Pages S1461–62**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—13) **Page S1449**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 32, adjourned at 5:27 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, February 26, 2001. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S1542.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### MEDICARE AND PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the need for Medicare reform and efforts to provide prescription drug coverage to Medicare beneficiaries, and the budgetary issues these proposals raise, after receiving testimony from Gail R. Wilensky, Project HOPE, Bethesda, Maryland, on behalf of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and Robert D. Reischauer and Marilyn Moon, both of the Urban Institute, and Kathleen E. Means, Patton Boggs, all of Washington, D.C.

#### NOMINATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joe M. Allbaugh, of Texas, to be Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee began mark up of an original bill, to amend title 11, United States Code, but did not complete action thereon and recessed subject to call.

**EDUCATION REFORM**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on the Administra-

tion's education proposals to improve accountability and close the achievement gap in the education system, after receiving testimony from Roderick R. Paige, Secretary of Education.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, February 26, 2001 at 2 p.m.

### *Committee Meetings*

**FARM PROGRAMS FUTURE**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing on the future of farm programs. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

**ELECTRICITY MARKETS: LESSONS  
LEARNED FROM CALIFORNIA**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled: "Electricity Markets: Lessons Learned from California." Testimony was heard from Carl Wood, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; John M. Quain, Chairman, Public Utility Commission, State of Pennsylvania; Alan R.

Schriber, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

**MEDICARE REFORM—DRUG COVERAGE  
FOR SENIORS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled: "Medicare Reform: Providing Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors." Testimony was heard from Barbara Buckley, Assemblywoman, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 16, 2001****Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 noon, Monday, February 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

2 p.m., Monday, February 26

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senator Allen will read Washington's Farewell Address; following which, there will be a period of morning business (not to extend beyond 4 p.m.). Also, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Pro forma session.



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